

REMARKS

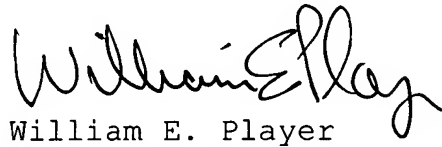
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOBSON HOLMAN PLLC

By



William E. Player
Reg. No. 31,409

400 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-2201
(202) 638-6666

Atty. Docket: P67900US1
Date: November 10, 2004
WEP/mch